

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
AUGUST 10, 2015

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session and an executive session for Labor Negotiations, Conference with Attorney and Property Matters at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of Council responded to their names:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....ABSENT
MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EPLEY.....PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Chief Alex Bebris, Public Safety Director
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Sharon Edwards, 344 Spirea Drive
Judge Margaret Quinn, 600 Woods Road
Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue
Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

It was moved by Mr. Epley and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the absence of Mrs. Hilton be excused. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mr. Epley advised Council he had read the meeting minutes of the July 20, 2015 regular, executive and work sessions. Mr. Epley reported he found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Epley and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

Auditor of State Award – Mayor Duncan shared that the 2014 Financial Audit is complete and posted to the city’s website. Mayor Duncan congratulated Finance Director Cindy Stafford and the entire Finance Department for receiving the *Auditor of State Award* for the third year in a row. The Auditor of State sent a letter to Finance Director Cindy Stafford stating,

“Congratulations! Based on your recently completed financial audit, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the City of Oakwood has received the Auditor of State Award. Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government, and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability. The Auditor of State Award is given to those entities that file timely financial reports in accordance with GAAP, as well as receive a “clean” audit report. The “clean” audit report means that your financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or any questioned costs.”

The City received an award to display and the information will also be placed on the Auditor of State’s website. Mayor Duncan again congratulated everyone in the Finance Department for their efforts.

Proclamation – Mayor Duncan read a proclamation designating September as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”.

Citizen Committee Appointments – Mayor Duncan announced a new committee appointment of Marty Beyer to the Personnel Appeals Board.

It was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the aforementioned appointment be confirmed. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

PSO Swear-In – Mayor Duncan recognized new Public Safety Officers Jeffrey Payne and Bryan Shaw, and their families. He then administered the Oath of Office. Chief Bebris welcomed PSO Payne and PSO Shaw. He shared that both officers were highly recommended candidates.

VISITORS – Sharon Edwards, 344 Spirea Drive, suggested that the city look into composting, which is good for the environment and would help reduce costs. She shared that she attended an informative composting class that was offered through the Five Rivers MetroParks. Now that her family is an active composter, they went from two trash cans a week down to one trash can every other week.

Mayor Duncan asked City Manager Norbert Klopsch if a class could be offered at the Oakwood Community Center.

Mr. Klopsch responded that we could look into offering a class at the OCC and adding information to the city newsletter. He added that he is a lifelong composter.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. EPLEY NO 4807
TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 303.08, *IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES; REDEMPTION*, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPTION OF IMMOBILIZING MOTOR VEHICLES IN LIEU OF TOWING.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Epley explained that this is an ordinance to update Section 303.08 of the Traffic Code. Each year, Oakwood has a handful of people who receive parking tickets and refuse to pay them. The number is small, but the problem is real.

State law does not give Oakwood municipal court many tools to enforce payment, so Oakwood has had a towing ordinance for many years. However, in actual practice this has been rarely used because it allows for towing after just one unpaid ticket, which raises some due process concerns and constitutional questions about the taking of private property.

At the request of Judge Quinn, the Law Director updated the ordinance to address these concerns. Under the new ordinance, vehicles can only be towed when they have incurred two or more unpaid violations, and there is an option to “boot” or immobilize vehicles in place, instead of towing. It is expected that this will become a useful enforcement tool for the Oakwood Municipal Court, and will discourage people from ignoring Oakwood parking laws.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Epley and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4808
TO REPEAL EXISTING CHAPTER 1331, *UNREASONABLE NOISES IN CONSTRUCTION*, OF THE OAKWOOD BUILDING CODE, AND TO ENACT NEW SECTION 509.13, *UNREASONABLE NOISES IN CONSTRUCTION*, OF THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an ordinance to update Oakwood's construction noise ordinance. Construction is a necessary part of maintaining our aging housing stock and our infrastructure, but it can also interfere with the peace and ambiance of our predominantly residential community. For many years Oakwood has had an ordinance to regulate noise from construction projects that allows construction work to be performed between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. Noise outside those hours is a violation and incurs a \$25 civil penalty.

Over time, city staff has found that the penalty is not clearly written and there is no effective enforcement mechanism if someone refuses to pay. City staff has also found that some contractors see nothing wrong with mobilizing noisy equipment and trucks before 7:00 a.m., as long as they don't actually start working.

This update does two things. First, the new ordinance moves these regulations to the General Offenses Code, making a violation a minor misdemeanor criminal offense that can be charged against each individual involved in a violation. If someone refuses to pay, the court can use driver's license forfeitures, warrant blocks, and vehicle registration blocks to ensure that fines are paid. There is also language that enhances the sentence for repeat offenders, which gives the city additional enforcement leverage.

Second, the new ordinance defines "work" to include the mobilization of trucks and equipment, to ensure that no unwanted noise is happening in our neighborhoods outside of permitted hours.

This is a first reading of this ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion at this time.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4809
TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 101.02, *GENERAL DEFINITIONS*, OF THE
OAKWOOD ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPTION TO
PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL OR BLANKET BONDS FOR BONDED OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that consistent with Section 11.02 of the City Charter, the Oakwood Administrative Code requires certain department heads, police officers, and other officials and employees of the city to be bonded. But other than setting forth the amount of certain bonds, the Code is silent as to whether the bonding requirements must be met individually, or whether they may be satisfied through the use of a blanket bond. There may be cost savings available if the city has the flexibility to choose between group rates and individual rates, so this ordinance will update the definition of "bond" to allow for either option.

This is a first reading of this ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion at this time.

A RESOLUTION
BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1805
CONFIRMING THAT THE CITY OF OAKWOOD WILL BECOME A MEMBER OF
THE PROPOSED MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL RADIO COUNCIL AND
TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR
PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS KNOWN AS
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL RADIO COUNCIL.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens shared that Oakwood and other local communities have been preparing to shift their public service radio systems from local analog systems to a shared digital system. This has been in response to a post-9/11 national mandate, intended to make sure that first responders from multiple jurisdictions are able to communicate with each other. In Ohio, this is being done through a statewide radio network known as the MARCS system.

In order to join the MARCS system, there are significant infrastructural investments to be made. Local communities have been meeting for two years now to plan this. The result in our area will be a countywide migration from analog to digital with a target start-up date in 2016, and local communities will all partner with Montgomery County to operate the new system. This will be done through a regional council of governments that is being formed, which will be known as the Montgomery County Regional Radio Council.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an ordinance to update Oakwood's construction noise ordinance. Construction is a necessary part of maintaining our aging housing stock and our infrastructure, but it can also interfere with the peace and ambiance of our predominantly residential community. For many years Oakwood has had an ordinance to regulate noise from construction projects that allows construction work to be performed between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. Noise outside those hours is a violation and incurs a \$25 civil penalty.

Over time, city staff has found that the penalty is not clearly written and there is no effective enforcement mechanism if someone refuses to pay. City staff has also found that some contractors see nothing wrong with mobilizing noisy equipment and trucks before 7:00 a.m., as long as they don't actually start working.

This update does two things. First, the new ordinance moves these regulations to the General Offenses Code, making a violation a minor misdemeanor criminal offense that can be charged against each individual involved in a violation. If someone refuses to pay, the court can use driver's license forfeitures, warrant blocks, and vehicle registration blocks to ensure that fines are paid. There is also language that enhances the sentence for repeat offenders, which gives the city additional enforcement leverage.

Second, the new ordinance defines "work" to include the mobilization of trucks and equipment, to ensure that no unwanted noise is happening in our neighborhoods outside of permitted hours.

This is a first reading of this ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion at this time.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4809
TO AMEND EXISTING SECTION 101.02, *GENERAL DEFINITIONS*, OF THE
OAKWOOD ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPTION TO
PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL OR BLANKET BONDS FOR BONDED OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that consistent with Section 11.02 of the City Charter, the Oakwood Administrative Code requires certain department heads, police officers, and other officials and employees of the city to be bonded. But other than setting forth the amount of certain bonds, the Code is silent as to whether the bonding requirements must be met individually, or whether they may be satisfied through the use of a blanket bond. There may be cost savings available if the city has the flexibility to choose between group rates and individual rates, so this ordinance will update the definition of "bond" to allow for either option.

This is a first reading of this ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion at this time.

A RESOLUTION
BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1805
CONFIRMING THAT THE CITY OF OAKWOOD WILL BECOME A MEMBER OF
THE PROPOSED MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL RADIO COUNCIL AND
TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR
PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS KNOWN AS
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL RADIO COUNCIL.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens shared that Oakwood and other local communities have been preparing to shift their public service radio systems from local analog systems to a shared digital system. This has been in response to a post-9/11 national mandate, intended to make sure that first responders from multiple jurisdictions are able to communicate with each other. In Ohio, this is being done through a statewide radio network known as the MARCS system.

In order to join the MARCS system, there are significant infrastructural investments to be made. Local communities have been meeting for two years now to plan this. The result in our area will be a countywide migration from analog to digital with a target start-up date in 2016, and local communities will all partner with Montgomery County to operate the new system. This will be done through a regional council of governments that is being formed, which will be known as the Montgomery County Regional Radio Council.

The resolution being introduced tonight will authorize the city to join the Radio Council, with the City Manager as Oakwood's delegate. This will ensure that Oakwood has a seat at the table in implementing this new radio system, which will protect our local interests as we comply with the new digital radio requirements.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
 MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
 MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....YEA
 MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. EPLEY

NO 4810

TO ESTABLISH AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING SCHEDULE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DEPUTY CLERK OF COURTS CLASSIFICATION, TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THAT CLASSIFICATION, TO ELIMINATE A PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT BOOKEEKEEPER POSITION, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Epley explained that this is an ordinance to update the Organization and Staffing Schedule to address personnel changes in the Oakwood Municipal Court.

Court staffing is handled under a state law framework that many of our citizens may not be aware of. Under Chapter 1901 of the Ohio Revised Code, the elected Oakwood Municipal Judge is both the presiding and administrative judge of the Oakwood Municipal Court. Judge Quinn is responsible for its judicial operation but also has full responsibility for the court's administration and management. This includes the appointment of statutory officials and other court employees.

Since the court is established under Ohio state law, the state of Ohio pays a significant portion of the salaries of its statutory officials...the Municipal Judge, Clerk of Courts, and Bailiff. Other positions, which are necessary for the efficient operation of the court but not created by state law, are required by law to be paid entirely from the city treasury. For these positions, the court decides what employees are needed, and the city is required to pay for them. But as a check-and-balance on this arrangement, Chapter 1901 of the Revised Code gives Council certain authority to set the maximum compensation limit for these positions, ensuring that the resources of the city can be effectively managed.

Oakwood Municipal Court currently has two clerical positions: a Clerk of Courts and a Bookkeeper. Tricia McGill, who has been the court's Bookkeeper for 5 years, retired as of July 31, 2015, creating a vacancy.

In looking ahead at the Court's needs, Judge Quinn has determined that the Bookkeeper position should be replaced with a Deputy Clerk of Courts position. This will provide training efficiencies in the near-term and succession planning for the longer term. The ordinance being introduced would make these changes to the staffing schedule and establish a maximum compensation limit for the new job classification.

Judge Quinn addressed Council and shared that after working at the Oakwood city building for over a year, she has had the opportunity to see firsthand how hard Oakwood employees strive to keep the city running smoothly and how they continue to look for ways to reduce costs. She shared that Tricia McGill, who was hired by Judge Deddens, retired in July. The current Clerk of Courts also plans to retire in the next few years. Looking toward the future, it makes sense to create a fulltime Deputy Clerk of Courts position to shadow and learn from the current Clerk of Courts. The thought is that the Deputy Clerk of Courts will move into the Clerk of Courts position once the current clerk retires, which will pay off in years to come. Judge Quinn shared that the current candidate has experience working for the private and public sector. The candidate has strong technical skills, which will help aid the court in continuing to look for ways to reduce costs and increase efficiency. For example, with the help of Law Director Rob Jacques, the court recently quit ordering hard copies of the Ohio Revised Code and now the court receives electronic updates, which saved money. Also, the court recently increased court fees, which are now more in line with other courts in the area. Judge Quinn shared that the court will continue to look for ways to make a difference.

Mayor Duncan responded that the Oakwood Municipal Court does not need to be a profit center, but it is always important to look for ways to reduce costs and increase revenue.

Since Tricia McGill's retirement is already effective, this ordinance has been drafted as an emergency ordinance in order to fill the position as quickly as possible.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Epley and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, with no second reading required.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY.....	YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

STAFF REPORT

Safety Department Update Presentation: Chief Alex Bebris, Public Safety Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: Crime Trends; Radio Project; New Cruisers; New Hires/Staffing; Medicaid Audit; LEADS Compliance; and Dr. Ewing/Medical Advisor.

Chief Bebris reported that Part I crimes are down in the first half of 2015 compared to 2014. The ongoing efforts of the Public Safety Department, including aggressive enforcement actions, traffic enforcement, field interviews, etc., continue to deter people from engaging in criminal activity in Oakwood.

The new portable radios were delivered and put into service in July and the vehicle and mobile radios are gradually being transitioned over. Work is currently ahead of schedule on the radio tower equipment and the in-house work should be complete by mid-September. Captain Hill and Captain Jones have put in a lot of hard work to keep this project on schedule.

The Public Safety Department replaced two of the oldest cruisers with two new Ford police cruisers. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the officers.

In the Public Safety Department, Cameron McElroy, Jeffrey Payne, Bryan Shaw and Jeffery Watkins were recently hired. PSO McElroy recently graduated from the Police Academy at the top of his class in academics, firearms and physical fitness. Since creation of the new program at Sinclair about 10 years ago, only two people have graduated first in all three areas. The other person was Oakwood PSO Sarah Martin. PSO McElroy is finishing his field training. PSO Payne and PSO Shaw are currently enrolled in the Police Training Academy until mid-November and will begin field training in mid-December. PSO Jeffrey Watkins is currently at the Fire Academy and will be sworn in at the next meeting.

On Friday August 7, the Safety Department underwent a site visit audit from Medicaid. The audit checked for compliance in record keeping, training, policies, and equipment. There were no deficiencies noted and no corrective actions were required.

The Safety Department is regularly 'spot-checked' and audited for compliance with all LEADS rules & regulations. No deficiencies have been noted.

For the past two years, Dr. John Ewing has served as Medical Advisor to the Safety Department for EMS Services. The Medical Advisor is responsible for reviewing EMS medical interventions, protocols, and training of EMS staff. Chief Bebris added that Dr. Ewing is a great resource for the Public Safety Department.

City Manager Norbert Klopsch added that Dr. Huizenga, Dr. Garrison and Dr. Ewing have all served as Medical Advisors for the Safety Department. It is a voluntary position and all three individuals have helped the city tremendously.

Mayor Duncan shared that Council routinely receives copies of letters from citizens thanking the Public Safety Department. Last month, there was a letter from a resident that had a small fire that could have turned into something very serious if the Public Safety Department would not have responded so promptly. Mayor Duncan asked that Chief Bebris pass along how much the city appreciates the efforts of the Public Safety Officers.

Chief Bebris shared that the Public Safety Officers are proud to provide services to the Oakwood community.

Mayor Duncan inquired about a bicycle accident that occurred earlier today involving a child.

Chief Bebris shared that a boy was struck by a vehicle after he failed to yield. Thankfully, he was wearing a safety helmet and will be okay. The helmet cracked and had a large section torn out from the impact. He added that this is an example of why safety helmets are very important. If this little boy had not been wearing a helmet, the outcome would have been much different.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Mr. Klopsch complimented Chief Bebris and the Public Safety Department for the fine services they provide.

Mr. Klopsch reminded everyone that school starts next Tuesday. The Public Safety Department makes a special point to patrol areas around the elementary schools, junior high and senior high. It is important to pay attention and watch for children in the area.

The Asphalt Paving Project is complete. Mr. Klopsch shared that he is very pleased with the project. This is the first time in his tenure that the work was done in just seven days. Kudos to Jurgensen and RA Miller for a job well done. Also, kudos to Engineering Technician Tom Long for successfully coordinating the project with the contractors and residents during his first year at Oakwood.

The 2015 Sidewalk Repair Project is wrapping up and will be done before school starts next Tuesday. Hats off to Engineering Technician Tom Long for successfully coordinating this project.

Vectren is currently working in front of Smith School. Vectren has guaranteed that they will be done with the work and out of the school areas before the start of school next Tuesday. The entire Vectren project for this year will probably be finished at the end of September or the early part of October.

This year, at the request of the Oakwood Schools, there will be a fourth adult crossing guard. This new guard will be stationed at the corner of Park Avenue and Far Hills. This guard will assist elementary students going to and from Harman School, as well as Oakwood Junior High and High School students crossing Far Hills in the Park Avenue area. The City and Schools share the costs of the crossing guards 50/50.

Mr. Klopsch congratulated the Finance Department. He conveyed that if Finance Director Cindy Stafford was at the meeting, she would say that she has one of the finest staffs around. Mr. Klopsch recognized and conveyed his appreciation to the following members of the Finance Department: Assistant Finance Director Alice Young; Income Tax Administrator Linda Merker; Utilities Account Clerk Theresa Rushlow; Payroll Account Clerk Tracy Martin; Account Clerk Helen McCarty; and Part-time Account Clerk Stacy Vreeland-Mathes.

Mayor Duncan shared that Council reviews the monthly financial reports that the Finance Department prepares. The financial reports are also available on the city's website along with a memo from Finance Director Cindy Stafford explaining the report. This is another way the city discloses financial information to the citizens of Oakwood. Mayor Duncan added that the 35 member Budget Review Committee also meets multiple times a year to discuss the budget process.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Stephens also reminded everyone of the importance of safety now that school will be back in session. He wished the students and teachers luck on the school year. He shared that he recently attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Lula Bell and added that he looks forward to having another new business in Oakwood.

Vice Mayor Byington shared that there was a recent *Dayton Daily News* article about Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel's goal of putting the checkbooks of all local governments online in an effort to promote financial transparency. Mandel argues that giving citizens full access to local government expenditures will hold local governments accountable. The story went on to say that the effort comes with a potential upfront taxpayer price tag of \$2.7 million dollars payable to OpenGov. OpenGov would set up a website for the Treasurers Office and then all local governments that choose to contract with OpenGov for this project would be charged a startup cost ranging from \$7,500 - \$15,000 based on the size of the local governments budget as well as additional annual maintenance fees totaling thousands of dollars. Some of the interesting facts from the article were that Mandel has asked and received approval from the Ohio Controlling Board for the ability to forego the bidding process for this project. In addition to the startup and maintenance fees, the contract obligates Mandel to promote OpenGov products and in return gives the Treasures Office a 20% credit for services purchased by local governments. The city of Oakwood has been contacted and has met with Treasurer Mandel regarding the potential for Oakwood participating in the Online Checkbook. In Oakwood, transparency has been an

integral part of Oakwood's budgeting process for decades. The city is fortunate to have a 35 member Budget Review Committee made up of citizens who volunteer and represent all of the different precincts in Oakwood. Rather than providing Oakwood citizens with a website full of cancelled checks, the city works to make sure the citizens fully understand the city's budget priorities before the checks are even written. In addition to the Budget Review Committee, comprehensive financial reports are provided to all citizens on the city's website.

Vice Mayor Byington encouraged everyone to attend the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 16 from 3:30 – 7 p.m. at Shafor Park.

Mayor Duncan shared an article reporting that in 1952, Oakwood became the first community in the nation to have fluorescent street lights installed. In 2012, the city removed 32 – 250 watt HPS fixtures and 40 – 400 watt HPS fixtures and replaced them with 71 – 250 watt HPS fixtures and 7 – 150 watt HPS fixtures. The effect was a 20% reduction in energy usage.

Mayor Duncan shared that the *Oakwood Register* recently did a story on a 70 foot spruce tree falling on his house during one of the storms in a 'Round Town article. He thanked the Public Safety Department for all of their help. He also thanked his property insurance agent, Rob Stephens, for his help in finding someone to quickly remove the fallen tree. It took two people 10 hours to remove it. He also shared that he received excellent customer service from Dayton Power & Light.

The public meeting concluded at 8:37 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL